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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Review Status of 27 Pacific Island Species

Latest scientific and commercial information sought for update

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today it is initiating status reviews of 27 species in the Pacific Islands that are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. All the species are found in Hawaii with the exception of the Mariana fruit bat from the Mariana Islands.

To assist in its reviews, the Service is seeking the latest scientific and commercial information related to these species from the public, government agencies, industry, and scientific and conservation communities.

“Participation by interested parties will help the Service ensure that the best available scientific information is used in the status evaluation of some of Hawaii’s most critically endangered species,” said Patrick Leonard, field supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office.

Periodic status reviews of all listed species are required by the ESA to determine whether a species’ classification as threatened or endangered is still appropriate. The Service is seeking any new information that has become available since the time of listing of these species.

If the best scientific and commercial data are not consistent with the current classification of any species, the Service will recommend a change in the species’ federal classification. A species could be recommended for reclassification from endangered to threatened (downlisting), from threatened to endangered (uplisting), or for removal from the federal list of threatened and endangered species (delisting). Any recommended change in classification would be subject to a separate rule-making process that includes opportunities for public review and comment. If no change in classification is recommended, the species would remain under its current listing status.

Information that is considered in a status review includes:

- Species biology, including but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics and genetics;

- Habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution and suitability;
- Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;
- Threat status and trends; and
- Other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the list, and improved analytical methods.

Status reviews will be conducted for 16 plants, 8 birds and 2 invertebrates found in Hawaii; and one species found in Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Location
Mariana fruit bat (=Mariana flying fox) <i>Fanihi</i>	<u>Pteropus</u> <u>mariannus</u> <u>mariannus</u>	Threatened	Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Hawaiian crow <i>Alala</i>	<u>Corvus</u> <u>hawaiiensis</u>	Endangered	Island of Hawaii
Laysan duck	<u>Anas</u> <u>laysanensis</u>	Endangered	Laysan Island, Midway Atoll
<i>Kauai Akialoa</i> (honeycreeper)	<u>Hemignathus</u> <u>procerus</u>	Endangered	Kauai
Large Kauai thrush <i>Kamoa</i>	<u>Myadestes</u> <u>myadestinus</u>	Endangered	Kauai
<i>Kauai Oo</i> (honeyeater)	<u>Moho</u> <u>braccatus</u>	Endangered	Kauai
<i>Ou</i> (honeycreeper)	<u>Psittirostra</u> <u>psittacea</u>	Endangered	Kauai, Island of Hawaii
Molokai Creeper <i>Kakawahie</i>	<u>Paroreomyza</u> <u>flammea</u>	Endangered	Molokai
Moloka'i Thrush <i>Olomao</i>	<u>Myadestes</u> <u>lanaiensis</u> <u>rutha</u>	Endangered	Molokai
Kauai cave wolf spider	<u>Adelocosa</u> <u>anops</u>	Endangered	Kauai
Kauai cave amphipod	<u>Spelaeorchestia</u> <u>koloana</u>	Endangered	Kauai
None	<u>Alsinidendron</u> <u>obovatum</u>	Endangered	Oahu
None	<u>Amaranthus</u> <u>brownii</u>	Endangered	Nihoa
Akoko	<u>Chamaesyce</u> <u>celastroides</u> var. <u>kaenana</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Akoko	<u>Chamaesyce</u> <u>deppeana</u>	Endangered	Oahu

Akoko	<u>Chamaesyce</u> <u>herbstii</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Ewa Plains Akoko	<u>Chamaesyce</u> <u>skottsbergii</u> var. <u>kalaeloana</u>	Endangered	Molokai , Oahu
Oha wai	<u>Clermontia</u> <u>pyrularia</u>	Endangered	Island of Hawaii
Haha	<u>Cyanea</u> <u>grimesiana</u> ssp. <u>obatae</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Haha	<u>Cyanea</u> <u>pinnatifida</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Haha	<u>Cyanea st.-johnii</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Haha	<u>Cyanea</u> <u>superba</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Haha	<u>Cyanea</u> <u>truncate</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Haiwale	<u>Cyrtandra</u> <u>dentata</u>	Endangered	Oahu
None	<u>Gouania</u> <u>vitifolia</u>	Endangered	Hawaii, Maui, Oahu
None	<u>Hedyotis</u> <u>degeneri</u>	Endangered	Oahu
Hau kuahiwi	<u>Hibiscadelphus</u> <u>woodii</u>	Endangered	Kauai

More information on the status reviews can be found in today's *Federal Register*. Information or comments must be sent to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850. Information also may be submitted electronically at pifwo-5yr-review@fws.gov.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.